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Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NAPLES, ITALY, *April 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended April 25, 1900, the following ships were inspected:

On April 20, the steamship *Aller*, of the North-German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 70 cabin and 530 steerage passengers and 134 pieces of large and 567 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and fifty-five pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 24 the steamship *Sempione*, of the Italian Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 749 steerage passengers and 52 pieces of large and 550 pieces of small baggage. Nine hundred pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 24 the steamship *Victoria*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,121 steerage passengers and 61 pieces of large and 1,125 pieces of small baggage. Three hundred pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

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Quarantine against Port Said on account of plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that I am informed by the Italian ambassador at this capital that Port Said has been declared by his Government infected with the bubonic plague, and that vessels from that port will be subject in Italy to quarantine ordinances 3 and 6 of 1897 and 1 and 10 of 1900.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

JAPAN.

Concerning rumors of plague—Plague in Formosa.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *April 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the sanitary condition of Japan appears to be, on the whole and from the point of view of the existence of quarantinable disease, satisfactory.

Within a few days rumors have been circulated that many rats are dying at Osaka, and even that cases, fairly suspected to be of plague, had occurred there in the human subject.

As the rumors referred to have owed their dissemination to native papers of antiadministration politics, they must, perhaps, be taken with allowance. However, the central sanitary bureau disclaiming any knowledge of the asserted facts, I, on the 9th instant, telegraphed to